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Province of KwaZulu-Natal

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **MEC NTULI MOURNS WITH FAMILIES OF TEN VICTIMS KILLED IN TWO SEPARATE CRASHES LAST WEEK**

MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Ntuli will be part of the memorial service tomorrow of five victims killed in a gruesome collision that occurred on R34 near Empangeni Milling last week Tuesday (29 October 2019).

It is alleged that the driver of a white delivery Nissan Heavy Motor Vehicle from Bidvest was travelling from Durban via Eshowe towards Empangeni for delivery purposes. Reports reveal that the driver of the White Nissan lost control due to a wet road surface and ended up in the lane of oncoming traffic. The driver of a white oncoming Hyundai LDV (Light Delivery Vehicle) that was transporting members of the public from Empangeni to Ntambanana swerved his car to the right in an attempt to avoid the collision, but the Hyundai capsized and landed on the right-side verge of the road. The crash occurred at the vicinity of R34 near Empangeni Milling. Five occupants died upon impact and nine passengers were taken to different hospitals to receive medical care.

Ntuli is expected to be accompanied by members of the Portfolio Committee, Local leadership and members of the Interfaith.

The details of the memorial service are as follows:

**VENUE:** Donda Sports ground near Mgezeni High School (Mambuka area)  
**DATE:** 7 November 2019  
**TIME:** 9h00

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The Department of Transport will also be part of the memorial service of five victims who perished in a horrific accident in KwaMnyandu just outside of Pietermaritzburg last Sunday (03 November 2019).

Preliminary reports revealed that the driver of a Nissan bakkie was travelling towards Pietermaritzburg. The Nissan bakkie overtook and collided with a small truck that was travelling in the opposite direction. The truck had two passengers and the driver. It is alleged that one passenger in the truck died on scene, whilst the driver and the other passenger sustained minor injuries. The bakkie had eight occupants including a one-year-old baby. Reports reveal that three occupants died on scene, whilst four sustained serious injuries. One was taken to Greys Hospital where they unfortunately succumbed to injuries making a total of five victims.

The Department of Transport together with the Road Accident Fund will also assist the bereaved families with the necessary burial arrangements and psychological assistance. The details of the Memorial Service are as follows:

**DATE: 07 November 2019**

**VENUE: Mafunze Sports Ground**

**TIME: 09H00**

Members of the media are all invited to attend.

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